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League Directors Pay Tribute to Mr. Sellar

At a fitting farewell luncheon and impromptu program the directors of the League paid a high and well-deserved tribute to their retiring chief executive, who accepted, starting March 1, the presidency of The American Humane Association.

Mr. Stuart C. Rand commented upon the splendid record of achievement of Mr. Sellar during his fifteen years with the League. "Mr. Sellar," he said, "came to Boston when we were sorely in need of leadership and a type of management that would in-

sure progress commensurate with the broad objectives of this humane organization. In all of his accomplishments he justified our faith in him."

Mr. Roger Ernst, First Vice-President and close advisor to Mr. Sellar, also extolled his exceptional qualities, and on behalf of the Board members presented the former League President with a check expressing their wish that he purchase a traveling bag. The gift typified the Board's sentiment that they hoped Mr. Sellar would travel frequently to Boston.

New President Welcomed

A most cordial and warm welcome on behalf of the Board was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Dethloff by Mr. Ernst. In response to the reception, Mr. Dethloff commented briefly:

Our thoughts and sentiments on this occasion should be directed to Mr. Sellar who has given unstintingly of his strength, resourcefulness and intelligent planning, all in the interest of the League. I, personally, esteem him very highly and wish for him the same measure of success with The American Humane Association as he has enjoyed during the past fifteen years in Boston.

On my own behalf at this time, I wish to make a very brief statement. Working on the theory that any enterprise grows in the proportion that there is understanding and a clear vision of the common task, I pledge to the Board and the working staff my earnest desire to foster a mutual and cordial relationship.

The keynote of our future should be co-operation or united action, without which no organized group can achieve success.

As I see it, we are builders of a monument, the foundation for which has already been laid. That foundation is solid—it has tangible value—it is in some respects a living monument in the sense that it continues to grow and with growth it enhances

in value as a community enterprise. The monument of which I speak had its beginning in one person—a courageous, uncompromising individual who had a singular objective—"The lessening of cruelty and the propagation of Kindness as something that is indispensable in the life of every community or nation." None of us can change those foundation principles. We become simply the instrumentalities to perpetuate a service that started in 1899 through the noble efforts of its founder—Mrs. Huntington Smith.

With a type of leadership that will inspire our coöperative efforts, I now officially accept the great responsibility that you have entrusted in me as President.

STAFF GREETS NEW BOSS

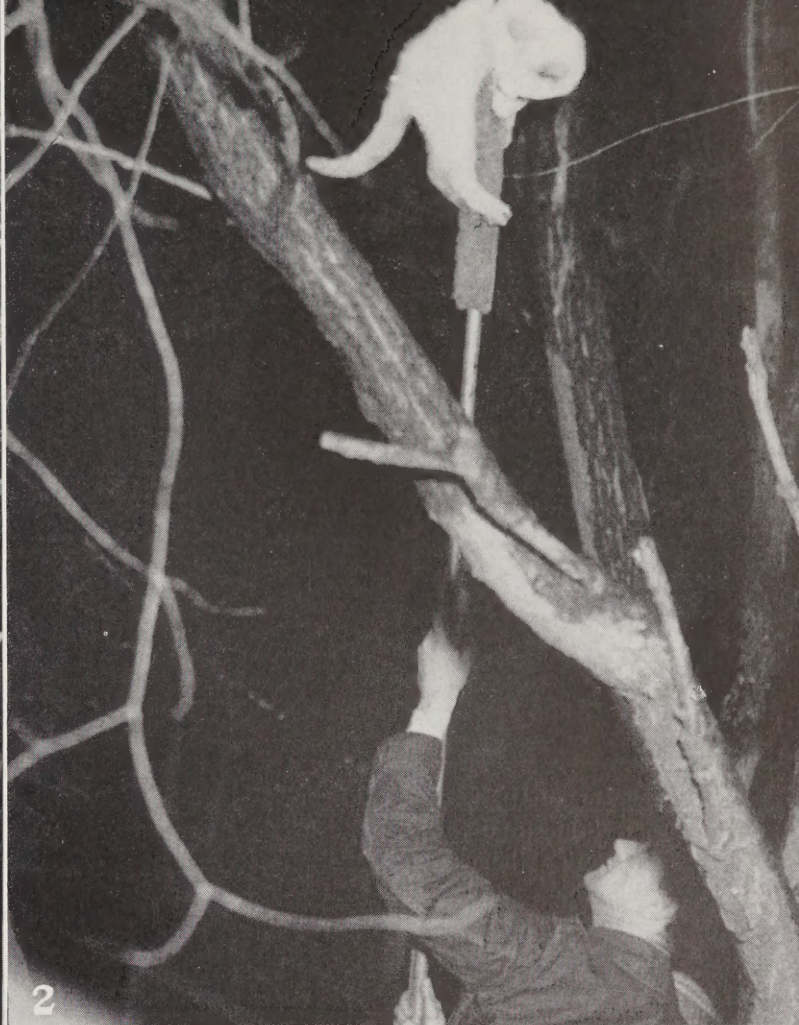
No more appropriate greeting could have been extended to the new President than the exquisite cut flowers placed on his desk with a card which read, "Welcome to our new 'Boss' from the boys and girls of the Animal Rescue League of Boston."

It was a real inspiration to meet so fine and competent a staff of workers, all of whom reflect the League's efficiency and devotion to a great and noble cause in behalf of animals.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

CAT RESCUE—Animal Agent Albert Morris, an employee of the League for the past twenty-one years, has liberated hundreds of cats from trees, poles, roofs, sewers and from behind walls, to say nothing of the dogs, raccoons, owls, parrots and other animals rescued from unusual predicaments.

Using a thirty-foot aluminum pole with two hundred feet of strong rope, Mr. Morris is shown here rescuing a beautiful white cat from its precarious perch. Service of an animal agent is commensurate with the highest of ideals, and great satisfaction is felt when an animal is relieved from discomfort or abuse as displayed by "Al's" expression as he hands the pet "home" to its little mistress.



1. *What's This?*

2. *Easy Does It*

3. *In Safe Arms*

4. *"Home" Again*



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Animals and Atom-Bomb Test

TELEGRAMS were sent to the President of the United States and to the Joint Task Force by the League protesting the use of animals on target ships, and the following reply was received:

Your telegram of the 21st of February has received very serious consideration by myself and my staff.

In reply to the question you have raised concerning the use of animals on some of the target ships in the forthcoming tests to be conducted by the Joint Army-Navy Task Force, please allow me to offer the following information.

I would like to say that those of us who are responsible for conducting the tests regret very much indeed that we are obliged to employ any animals, and to assure you that such a plan would never have been adopted had it not been made necessary by a genuinely humanitarian interest on the part of those responsible for the welfare of the personnel who serve in our national defense.

You will no doubt recall that many of our leading scientists have stated that there are other nations capable of producing, within periods estimated from two to six years, weapons similar to the atomic bomb which our Armed Services employed toward the end of the recent war. Such atomic weapons not only possess destructive power hitherto undreamed of, but also present other threats to personnel in the area in which they may be detonated. These dangers have been present in no previous war, and conditions approximating them cannot be satisfactorily realized in the laboratory. If our Armed Forces are to defend this nation against possible attack in which atomic weapons might be used, we must develop the best possible defenses and counter-measures against it, and if we fail to do so, we will not only be needlessly risking the lives of many thousands of our service men, but we may be inviting national disaster.

The ships, materials, and mechanical equipment which will be subjected to the detonation of the atomic bomb will give us

the information we need to build ships better protected against this type of attack. In addition, mechanical instruments which will provide physical measurements to determine what the effects would be on men will be used to the fullest extent possible. However, the medical advisors who are experts in this field state that mechanical instruments can provide information of significant value only for the determination of grossly injurious effects of the bomb, but to determine what may be the internal injuries of a less extreme nature, they must have information which can be obtained only from observing the effects of the bomb on living matter.

I hope you may realize that we were extremely reluctant to come to the decision to use even a single animal in the tests, and that we have done so is due to the fact that the medical advisors of the Army and Navy were very insistent that if they are to assume the responsibility for the future defense, welfare and treatment of personnel of the Armed Services they must know more precisely just what biological effects may be encountered in such attacks.

May I further say that all the animals used will be treated in the most humane manner possible and will not be exposed to any unnecessary suffering.

Very truly yours,

S/W. H. P. BLANDY, *Vice Admiral*
U. S. Navy, Commander Joint Task Force One

Notwithstanding the supposed humanitarian benefits in defense of our nation from an aggressive enemy, the Animal Rescue League and its many supporters denounce the use of animals as an unmerciful experiment with questionable advantages to the human race.

Humanitarians should unite in an uncompromising effort to halt these experiments.

EDITOR

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM IN MASSACHUSETTS

Humane Opposition to Amend Tail-Set Law

SECTION 79-B of the General Anti-Cruelty Laws *for the protection of animals* prohibits the exhibition in Massachusetts of any horse with a "set" or "docked" tail so treated after 1934 regardless of where, when or by whom the surgery was performed.

The sponsors of Senate Bill No. 2 and House Bill No. 409 this year urged legislative members to amend the law which would permit exhibiting horses with set tails if the owners of such horses furnished an affidavit that the animals were from a state where tail setting is not prohibited by law. It was argued that changing the law in this manner would not violate

the provision that in Massachusetts there would be no relaxation to prohibit the setting or cutting of horses' tails.

The Animal Rescue League made an organized effort to prevent any change in the statutes, taking the firm position that CRUELTY is not to be condoned even if the practice prevails in other states.

A true horse lover could not take any other view, especially since there is undeniable evidence that horses with tail muscles cut and rendered useless against flies are ultimately sold to commercial riding academies in whose hands many horses are the victims of gross mistreatment.

The proponents of the measure, however, won a verdict in their favor, but they have *lost* many times more in that they have retarded the progressive humane laws for which our Commonwealth is noted.

We pose this inescapable question to our advocates of retrogression. Would they say that there will be less or no cruelty to an increased number of show horses that must endure the torture of GINGERING? The evidence speaks for itself — "You will never prohibit the evils of tail quackery until horse owners universally exhibit the ultra beauty of a horse on his own natural merits."

Dog and Cat Exemption Bill Rejected

A formidable case was presented by George R. Farnum and Joseph Strickland, both of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society, in favor of passing a law that would exempt from vivisection the two domestic pets closest to the affection of mankind.

The Bill sponsored by the anti-vivisection group was unique in that it is the first time the feline family has been given the same status as the canine friends of more than twelve million owners. Outstanding testimony was furnished by the propo-

nents to prove to what great extent both dogs and cats are collected by unscrupulous agents for the vivisectionists; one a disreputable person who deceives unsuspecting owners that a "Home for the Homeless" is being sought.

In the course of the testimony the League was justly proud to be accused of NOT being the supplier of animals for medical students who allegedly practice surgery on dogs as if they were *burlap bags*. Our chief concern, without in any way debating the merits or demerits of live animal

experimentation, is that we are organized to "prevent cruelty to animals," and not to exploit those turned over to us for humane disposal. Electrocuting for the sick, diseased and disabled pets beyond recovery, is and always will be a primary function of the League.

On March 26 the anti-vivisection Bill to eliminate experimentation on both dogs and cats was rejected after the Senate refused by a vote of 19 to 18 to refer the entire question to a special recess commission for further study.

Artificially Colored Baby Chicks

The exploitation of artificially colored baby chicks during the Easter Season is an abomination and should be outlawed in every state of the Union. A coöperative effort, therefore, will be made in Massachusetts next year to follow the progressive legislative action of three states — Illinois, New York and Michigan, where it is now illegal to sell little chicks as toys. It is estimated by experts in poultry husbandry that 98% of the baby chicks sold as playthings die from mishandling.

LEAGUE PROTECTION

EFFORTS TO ENFORCE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

OCTOBER 15, 1942 John Bella began officially quarantining animals in the Metropolitan area of Boston. This was the direct result of a conference held the day before at the office of the Commissioner of Health and attended by representatives of the Board of Health, the Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Division of Livestock Disease Control of the State Department of Agriculture.

The general public has little concept of the number of animals actually quarantined in the Metropolitan area as practically no publicity has been given the matter. Animals are quarantined even for superficial bites, and due to these extreme precautionary measures Boston has not had a case of a rabid dog within the last two years.

Briefly, the procedure is as follows: Mr. Bella serves an ORDER OF QUARANTINE form and the animal is confined in the home for a period of fourteen days following biting, during which time the owner must abide by the instructions given.

Below is an interesting list of the number of cases and animals quarantined during 1945 by Mr. Bella.

Case forms, received in triplicate from the Board of Health, are segregated, and through personal contact, many telephone calls, and often several days of work, the exact information on each case is finally ascertained.

"Repeat" cases are those necessitating more than one visit by Mr. Bella due to any number of complicated reasons.



John Bella

Children are often bitten going to and from school and consequently are vague as to the owner of the dog, having never seen the animal before or not recognizing it in the excitement and fright. All cases lacking correct information are returned to the Board of Health as unknown.

Mr. Bella quarantines animals in Metropolitan Boston. However, if the owner lives in Boston but is temporarily housing an animal outside the Metropolitan area, the Division of Livestock Disease Control is notified by telephone immediately and takes over the case.

At the end of the fourteen-day detention period Mr. Bella releases the quarantined animal and the case is considered closed. The original record is sent to the Board of Health, a duplicate to the Division of Livestock Disease Control and the tripli-

cate is retained at the League. In the event an owner fails to notify us that the animal has died, run away, or been given outside of this area, we must notify both the Board of Health and the Division of Livestock Disease Control.

We prefer that owners quarantine animals in the home, unless for one of several valid reasons it is impossible without hardship. In such cases animals are brought to the League for the quarantine period. We feel it our responsibility because of safety measures to quarantine animals at the League when all claim to them has been relinquished by the owner.

It is not unusual for one dog to bite several persons, which means that even though not vicious it is considered a public menace and must be placed under quarantine *at the first possible opportunity*.

Sometimes an animal is brought to the League, or picked up by our ambulance, and put away without our knowledge that it has bitten a person, since such biting was not reported at the time, or an owner, fearing complications, disposes of an animal immediately after a biting before we have been notified. Bites on the head are considered more serious than body bites due to their proximity to the brain.

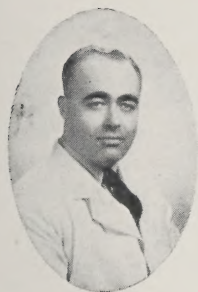
The enforcement of regulations pertaining to suspect dogs is not without complications and the League is mindful of its responsibility to protect both dog owners and their faithful guardians of the home. We have demonstrated, as have many hu-

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		QUARANTINES		RELEASES	
No. of	Repeat	Dogs in	Cats in	Dogs in	Cats in
Cases	Cases	Homes	Homes	Homes	Homes
2,079	763	1,496	22	1,527	33

Life-Saving

IN OUR FREE ANIMAL CLINIC



*Dr. Mather
says . . .*

IF YOU should come to me and say, "Doctor, I want to own a dog," and I should reply, "To be, or not to be, that is the question," you would probably consider me a mental observation case. But, to be, or not to be, the owner of a dog IS a question. It is a question of whether you are the right person, to which you will make a shocked reply, "Oh, come now, you know I love animals."

But loving animals and possessing them are two different matters. When you buy a dog, or anything alive, you buy a responsibility. Are you the person to meet that responsibility, or will you shuffle it off in a moment of impatience? Like the woman who bought a tiny marmoset and receiving an invitation to Chicago rushed off, writing back some time later to a friend, "By the way, that monkey is in the apartment. Better see if it is all right." The marmoset was found huddled in the darkest corner of a closet, so hungry and thirsty that when inexpertly fed it ate so much and so fast that it died. Or, when the puppy that was "just too sweet for words" in the pet shop grows up to be a minor edition of an elephant, or is sick all over the best rug, he can't help it. But what will you do—meet the situation or cart the animal off for disposal?

Don't ever buy a pet if you are the type that "can't be bothered," because in return for the love and loyalty of your dog you must bother with him a great deal. Animals do

not differ from human beings. Their mischievous and their stubborn moods are the same, but through it all they give you a fealty that nothing else does because you are their GOD. For example, let me quote from a letter about "Buster," a recent clinic patient, an eleven-year-old Airedale belonging to John Reynolds, a letter carrier located at the Hyde Park Branch of the Post Office:

At 5:30 every morning Buster is let out and when I report for work at 6:45 A.M. he is at the Post Office waiting for me. While I am racking my mail, Buster lies under my desk, but as the clerk rings the gong when all mail is sorted at about 7:40, Buster gets up and stands looking at me. When I am ready to leave he sneezes, which means, "time to go."

We start out in the business section first, and when we arrive at the building occupied by the Community Nurses he will run upstairs ahead of me, go in the office, pass all the nurses until he reaches Miss Pew, the Supervisor. Then he will sit up and beg for the cookies she always has at hand. The nurses will ask him to sneeze, but he will not do so until he reaches the door.

He covers the route, about six miles, every day and when I return, instead of going back to the Post Office with me, he just looks at me, wags his tail, and goes home to a dinner well earned.

So friends, just face the matter honestly. Ask yourself these things:

How much time am I willing to devote to my pet? Dogs particularly need a great deal of attention, affection and understanding—they give their all and expect yours in return. If left alone they are apt to mourn too audibly for the neighbors' nerves or chew up your most prized slippers. And they must be exercised a great deal, unless fortunate enough to have a protected area in which to run at large. City streets are danger zones for unleashed pets.

Will the old budget stretch another big inch to provide the vital foods that animals must have to keep them healthy and happy? And, needless to say, the larger the dog, the greater his sustenance.

These are some of the important factors in owning an animal. Even the size of your home must be considered. He will meet YOUR every need. CAN you and WILL you meet his? And so, you see, "To be, or not to be," IS a question for you, and you alone, to answer.

Timely Tips

1. Avoid exposure of your animal to sudden changes of weather and temperature.
2. Avoid liquid preparations containing D. D. T. or any D. D. T. preparation when used in conjunction with treatment which leaves the animal's skin covered with a film of oil.
3. Feed some fresh meat, fish or milk to your dog or cat daily.
4. Give your animal as much liberty and exercise as circumstances will permit.

It is my belief that our Clinic constitutes a unit capable of rendering competent service to any animal problem that confronts us. It is designed to assist our patrons in problems of general care of animals such as diet, housing, training, health and medical treatment. We strive to make possible a happier and more comfortable life for any animal that comes to us.

Please feel free to call upon us when you feel we may be of service.

NEW CLINIC HOURS

Monday through Friday

9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Saturday 9 A.M. to 12 Noon

*During July and August the Clinic
will not be open on Saturday*

HUMANE EDUCATION

B. MAUDE PHILLIPS, *Director*

OUR BEST YEAR

We are striving to make this our BEST YEAR of Educational Service in the schools of greater Boston and surrounding towns and cities. When the large packages of letters and drawings arrive, addressed to *Peter Rabbit*, it is comforting to know that we are achieving desirable results, through the medium of our marionette plays, both in the teaching of kindly consideration for all living things and in character development. While the little puppet shows are not intended primarily for entertainment, they actually do furnish entertainment at its highest and best.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS ANNIVERSARY

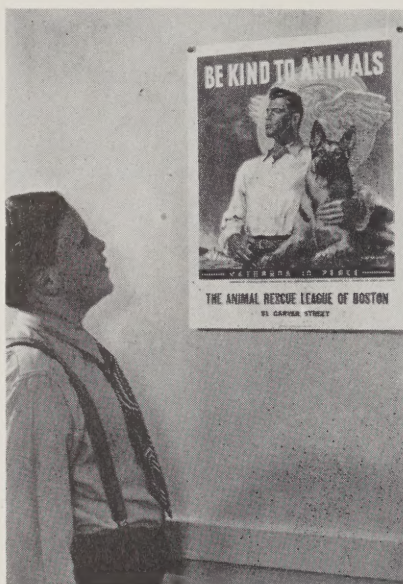
In our daily visits to the schools our goal is to make *every* week in the year a humane week, but during the actual days set aside for this special observance we placed approximately 500 humane posters, as shown in the illustration "Veterans in Peace," in many public schools. By introducing new ideas into our marionette shows and calling attention to the significance of *Be Kind to Animals Week*, added impetus was given our regular programs.

NO BOUNDARY LINES IN TEACHING KINDNESS

There is not, nor should there be, any geographical limit to the message of *Humane Education*. Every organization in the country specializing in this vital work coöperates. In fact, we have received so many fine ideas and suggestions from other societies that we have a real wealth of material showing what can be accomplished by sharing and pooling programs.

Our marionette plays are full of suggestions for consideration of others

— unselfishness and thoughtfulness — and are written with the definite idea in mind of teaching *kindness* to every living creature. We are striving through this project to build a bridge to the future — a future where good citizenship and world brotherhood will be achieved. In this building for the future, we are helping the everyday present to a greater extent than ever before.



*National Kindness Poster
of The
American Humane Association*

CHILDREN'S CENTER

In the summer of 1945 five different nationalities were represented in our Children's Center at 53 Carver Street, Boston. It was indeed inspiring to observe how our daily programs bore fruit in a realistic manner. All responded to the humane message and to the various activities. The daily programs consisted of "do's" — almost never did we say "don't" — and we were well repaid by the results obtained.

A varied and constructive program for the coming summer days in Blanchard Hall is planned. After all, everything attempted is but a sort of laboratory experiment to discover what is best to further in the future. Our new Memorial Building, which will be truly commemorative of our Founder, Anna Harris Smith, will serve a real and lasting need. Possibilities for advancement in the humane education field will be endless as soon as we have adequate quarters for this work. Mrs. Smith so often said to me, "Don't ever have a memorial unless it is a *working memorial*, serving a real need in the community."

WE OFFER FILM AND LECTURES

We have purchased the film "Animals in the Service of Man." Although I have been connected with humane work for many years and thought I knew to a great extent just how much animals serve man, I never fully realized to what extent is the aid they actually give.

As a free service from the League, we now offer to clubs, churches, Boy and Girl Scout Groups, 4-H Clubs, P. T. A. meetings, and any other organizations, lectures on the work of the Animal Rescue League, illustrated by slides and motion pictures. Dates may be made by calling HANcock 9170 — Director of Education.

The two lectures available:

1. *The work of the League at Home and in Labrador* — illustrated with slides and motion pictures.
2. *The Work of the Animal Rescue League of Boston — Its Value to the Community* — illustrated with film "Animals in the Service of Man."

THE CHILDREN WRITE US

From the many letters received we could quote innumerable excerpts, all manifesting with certainty how much good children derive from our marionette plays. Each issue will contain examples in order that our readers may get some idea of how far-reaching is the message of kindness being taught day by day. From the very first issue of *OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS*, published in 1902, Mrs. Smith stressed the *need of kindness*. Each and every issue since has contained earnest pleas for the spread of *Humane Education* to make this world a better place in which to live. She early published a book containing twenty-three stories and in the preface she said, "The great need in this world is kindness. Let anyone think for a moment and he or she will realize that a large part of suffering everywhere comes either through active unkindness or from selfish disregard of another's feelings. If children are carefully taught kindness and thoughtful consideration for every living creature they are going to grow up to make the world better and happier." We who are left to carry on her great work appreciate the responsibility which is ours and look forward to furthering her ideals in our new Memorial Building.

Mrs. Smith so frequently said to me during the years I was her secretary, "If we can only make people *think!*" And, to quote her again, "Kindness cannot be taught without elevating the human race. Cruelty is debasing. Kindness uplifts the world!"

Here are two letters from children, chosen at random, which speak for themselves:

"Thank you for coming to the Putnam School and entertaining us. The 7th Grade enjoyed the show very much. We are all going to take care of our pets, the injured ones and the ones that are lost, and will treat them kindly. I especially learned that good lesson and it will stay with me throughout my life." — Marilyn Jean Phillips.

"I enjoyed your play of the *Three Bears* very much. It showed me how animals are a part of this world. Some people think they are here only to do harm and try to kill them. But I don't think that is true. They are here to make the world better and for us to enjoy. Take baby cubs for instance. They are so cute you wouldn't think of harming them. But explorers go just to take them — they don't care if dead or alive. So they tell people animals are cruel. Some people believe it. Of course, some are. I would like it very much if you would come again. Things like that make the world much more pleasant." — LUCILLE JUSSEAUME.

for May 1946

Children at the Humane Education Center are taught the care of animals and related arts and crafts

CHILDREN'S CENTER

Adventures in Living with Pets

BY JULIA E. DICKSON

*Professor of Elementary Education
The Teachers College of the City of Boston*

THE WAR is over and we now face the problem of learning how to adjust our differences and live together in a friendly, neighborly, upright way. Adults, hindered by preconceived ideas and prejudices, arrive slowly, while children in their freedom of thought and action respond readily under guidance, to the requirements of wholesome group living. Thus the Humane Education Department of the Animal Rescue League looks forward to the 1946 summer activities of the Children's Center at 53 Carver Street with expectations of continued progress.

The value of the continuity of experiences has been clearly demonstrated in the work of the Center. For instance kindly consideration of others, at first vaguely sensed by the group, became a force which made the whole group kin, increased each child's sensitivity to the interests, abilities, needs and achievements of others and through this process of sharing enriched the lives of all.

Into a similar situation (a classroom of first graders) not many weeks ago, a baby rabbit came to live. Here

the children not only learned how to feed and care for the rabbit but to recognize and express kindly consideration for the rights of the rabbit — a lesson which many adults have yet to learn.

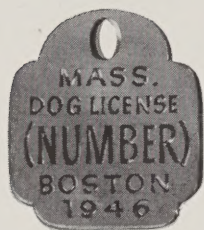
Pinkie, no longer a baby, has almost outgrown his wire house. Through the open door he comes and goes at will — hops around among the children, enjoys a mid-day meal, chooses a favorite vantage spot from which to observe the happy group and presto! off to his house he goes for a nap. At night he goes home with the teacher and there he is affectionately accorded the same rights, freedom, food and rest. Each morning he returns for a happy day. He has endeared himself to young and old alike, has brought home and school into closer coöperation and all concerned are happier and wiser for the experience. As a result other pets are paying occasional visits to the school.

This instance is indicative of the growing concern for the welfare of all living creatures which the activities of the Children's Center are designed to stimulate and perpetuate.



THE LICENS

How Boston Enforces Dog License Law with



A LICENSE TAG

ON ALL DOGS

three months of age or older is legally required in every community in the State of Massachusetts.

With few exceptions nearly every municipality or taxing unit in the United States has laws, ordinances or regulations to govern the *behavior of dogs*. Owners who refuse to buy a license or needlessly delay the procedure are no less violators of a LAW than the person who attempts to drive a car without a license. A license tag on your dog, besides making you a law-abiding citizen, is *the dog's* only assurance that he will be returned to his owner when lost.

Literally hundreds of faithful canines — some valuable show dogs — become hopelessly lost, for which the OWNER is entirely responsible. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the vast majority of dogs away from home can be restored to their legal owners within 48 hours providing that the dog is clearly identifiable through the license tag.

Recently a letter was sent to all city and town clerks urging that a duplicate list of dogs currently licensed be sent to all Police Departments in their respective communities. In this way a LOST dog bearing a tag can be identified and the owner notified to claim the wayward family pet, particularly during the night hours. Cases are on record of lost dogs being discovered many miles from home, yet through the channels of legal identification a worry-sick dog, to say nothing of the anxiety of its owner, was returned in relatively short time.

RIGHTS OF HOME OWNERS must be respected by the dog owners. It is a mistake to assume that a dog carrying a license tag is free to roam the streets, school grounds, trespass over gardens, etc. Unless dog owners respect fully the RIGHTS of non-dog owners there will be many justifiable complaints. Any dog that becomes an habitual community nuisance is no asset to its owner. Everyone loves a well-behaved child and that goes for a dog as well. Many a dog can be spared life and serious injury if it is for the most part under the control of some responsible member of the family.

In less than two hours one day at the League ten EMERGENCY reports came in about dogs and cats injured in automobile traffic. It is downright CRUELTY for a motorist to run over a dog maliciously. But many a car driver is blameless when the carefree young dog scampers in the path of heavy traffic.

DOG REGULATIONS are essential also to protect the animal, its owner and the public from a certain element of dogdom responsible for the spread of rabies. The article on page 6 covers this phase of DOG CONTROL as it involves the service of the Animal Rescue League.

THE LAW IS

(Taken from General Laws, Chapter 140)

Sec. 136A. *Definitions.* "Dog Officer," any officer appointed under said sections to enforce the laws relating to dogs.

Sec. 137. *Licenses and Tags.* The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March 31, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from April 1 following, if the dog is kept in Boston, in the office of the police commissioner, or if

kept in any other town, in the office of the clerk thereof. The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished, except in the county of Suffolk, by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk, at a cost of ten cents which shall be retained by the clerk unless otherwise provided by law. Any person may bring or cause to be brought from another state or county any dog licensed under the laws thereof and keep such dog in this commonwealth for a period not exceeding thirty days without licensing it hereunder, and during such period the foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to such dog.

Sec. 137B. *Sale of Dogs by kennels regulated.* Every holder of a kennel license, on delivering an unlicensed dog to a purchaser or to any other person, shall attach to such dog a collar or harness which shall carry a tag marked with the name and address of such kennel licensee, and a number, which number shall be properly recorded on the records of such licensee, and shall also furnish to the person to whom the dog is delivered a certificate bearing the same number and a description of the dog. Such certificate shall bear the date of purchase, exchange or gift and, with the tag, shall, for a period of two weeks following such date, be a legal substitute for a license. The purchaser or other recipient of a dog shall, within two weeks of the purchase or receipt of such dog, either return the same to the licensee from which it was received, together with the collar or harness, tag and certificate, or return to such licensee said tag, and a certificate signed by the clerk of the town where the dog is to be kept and certifying that the dog had been licensed in

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the name of such purchaser or recipient or of some other person. If any such purchaser or recipient fails to comply with the preceding sentence, such licensee shall notify the clerk of the town in which he is licensed of the purchase, exchange or gift of such dog and shall furnish to such clerk the date thereof, and the name and address of the purchaser or recipient.

Sec. 138. *Licenses.* A person who after April 1 in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old after March 31, in any year, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed, collared or harnessed and tagged as required by section one hundred and thirty-seven. A person who after April 1 in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is duly licensed in the town where kept shall forthwith give notice in writing to the clerk of such town, or if kept in Boston, to the police commissioner, that he has become such owner or keeper, and said clerk or said police commissioner, as the case may be, shall change the record of such license to show the name and address of the new owner or keeper.

Sec. 139. *Fees for licenses.* The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed. No fee shall be charged for a license for a dog specially trained to lead or serve a blind person; provided, that the division of the blind certifies that such dog is so trained and actually in the service of a blind person.

Sec. 141. *Penalties for failure to license.* Whoever violates any provision of sections one hundred and thirty-seven, one hundred and thirty-seven A, one hundred and thirty-seven B, or one hundred and thirty-eight shall forfeit not less than five nor more than fifteen dollars, which shall be paid, if the dog was kept in any town in Suffolk county, to the treasurer of the town, or, if kept in

any other county, to the treasurer thereof. If the dog as to which such violation occurs was unlicensed at the time of such violation, the court shall impose the forfeiture provided herein.

Sec. 146. *Licenses valid throughout state, except on permanent removal to another town.* A license duly recorded shall be valid throughout the commonwealth, except that in case of the permanent removal of a dog into another town within the commonwealth such dog shall be licensed within thirty days in the office of the clerk in such other town, and the clerk thereof shall issue a new license and tag for such dog upon the payment of twenty-five cents which shall be retained by the clerk unless otherwise provided by law. Said clerk shall take up the original license and tag of such dog in lieu of requiring payment of the full fee provided for such a license by section one hundred and thirty-nine.

Sec. 150. *Assessors to take lists of dogs.* The assessors shall annually take a list of all dogs owned or kept in their respective cities and towns in January, February or March, with the owners' or keepers' names and addresses, and return the same in duplicate

to the city or town clerk, or, in Boston, to the police commissioner, on or before April 1. An owner or keeper of a dog who refuses to answer or answers falsely to the assessors relative to the ownership thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars, which, except in Suffolk county, shall be paid into the county treasury.

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Have YOU Licensed YOUR Dog?

It's the Law!

Believing that a well-informed dog owner is a *law-abiding* owner the *League* will publish a useful *Digest* of the Massachusetts State Dog Laws. Copies will be free to legal dog owners.

This dog, the pet of Harriett Flannery, is a properly licensed animal



CAPE COD BRANCH

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN, *Director*

HARWICHPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

DAY BY DAY, and year after year, the life of the Animal Rescue League of Boston and its Branches has run on with only an occasional variation in pattern. Recently, however, as all who have read the February issue of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS are aware, a marked event occurred. At this time, Mr. Sellar, the League's president, accepted an appointment to become president of The American Humane Association in Albany, N. Y., and Mr. Dethloff, general manager of the national society, came to Boston to fill his place. So, in this first opportunity to speak through our magazine column in behalf of our Cape Cod Branch, we now bid Godspeed to our former president and wholehearted welcome to our president newly established.

It so happened that Mr. Sellar's taking office with the League in 1931 coincided closely with the founding of our Cape Cod Branch. In looking back over these fifteen years, we are remembering with gratitude one of the new president's early visits to the Cape when our Branch was struggling to stand on its feet. In response to an urgent call, he rushed down at dead of night to our aid — gave all relief which could be given, and after solving our first major problem, returned to Boston in the early morning hours. All through the intervening years, he has never failed to meet the needs of our Branch, and in periods of stress and strain has given us generously of his time, strength and wise counsel — all of which we remember and deeply appreciate.

With the same alertness and devotion to duty, Mr. Dethloff has made a prompt visit to our widely separated Branch shelters, and to "Four

Winds" — home of the Cape director. We are glad that he had a perfect Spring day for his first sight of Cape Cod — bright and balmy with white sands of Monomoy glistening against brilliant blue waters of Nantucket Sound. Around our bird feeders red-winged blackbirds hovered, brave in their uniforms of glossy black with epaulets of scarlet.

Long distance from Boston precludes frequent visits by a chief executive whose time is filled with many other activities. We often recall, however, these pithy words of Mrs. Huntington Smith: "Humane endeavor knows no geographical limitation" — and we are thankful that first one president, now a second following her leadership, is imbued with her far-seeing ideals and her determination to make this idealism bear fruit.

"Does the Animal Rescue League really function outside of Boston?" "Isn't your League a semi-private affair carried on by a few interested persons?" These are questions asked us until sometimes we feel like shouting from the housetops: "Our agents go everywhere that it is humanly possible for them to go to investigate cases and bring relief. Also, anyone, anywhere, who wishes to join us is warmly welcomed. The more help we receive, the more relief we are able to give."



Gwen

One never knows from what source or in what way encouragement may come. One day, not long ago, on a Boston-bound train, we were led into conversation by a sociable fellow traveller. Soon our talk turned upon the subject of animals, especially cats of which it appeared she had a goodly number. Moreover, the Animal Rescue League's Cape Cod Branch, to which she belonged, had lately sent an agent to help her catch some of old Spotty's kittens hidden far beneath her woodshed.

When her seat mate's connection with the League became understood, she inquired how Gwen, the Corgi, and Vic, the tiger cat, had prospered since their adventures during the hurricane. But after a moment's attention, she no longer listened. A fierce light was gathering in her eyes. Then suddenly in a tone of voice which held accusation coiled to spring, she demanded: "What becomes of your pets when you leave home?"

Fortunately, it was possible to convince her that they were not abandoned but were even now in safe hands — in fact, in hands which would indulge them in all ways to which they were accustomed.

Was this attitude of suspicion annoying? Quite the contrary. Far sweeter than fatuous praise is the revelation that a *human being cares* what befalls these fourfooted neighbors. Thus we are assured that in time of need such a friend would logically hasten to their rescue.

• A Membership in the Animal Rescue League of Boston or its Branches is An Investment in Civic Betterment.

Calling All

New England Humane Societies

ON TO COLUMBUS should be the foremost thought of every agency engaged in animal or child protection during the next few months. For September 24–28 are the dates of the **FIRST POST-WAR NATIONAL CONVENTION** of The American Humane Association.

The New England Federation of Humane Societies could pay no more fitting tribute to its former President, Robert F. Sellar, than by attending the national conclave—the first since 1940. A large delegation would more than anything else inspire the new President of the national organization and assure him that he has our wholehearted support for a successful, profitable and progressive regime.

Our Fourfooted Friends is dedicated here and now to help make the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio one of the best in the history of humane endeavor. The August edition will print the full program so that New England societies will know what they may expect at the meeting of delegates from all over the United States.

Columbus is an attractive city with the State Capitol directly across from the Neil House where animal and child protection workers will convene. We can assure you *now* that Tom Justice, General Manager of the Humane Society of the City of Columbus, will be a delightful host. More than that, he and his society have so much to offer that failure to attend the Convention will be a distinct loss to you.

Yes, we're calling all New England societies to make their plans **NOW** — motor, travel by train or air, but, **GO TO THE CONVENTION** no matter what the sacrifice entails.

WE'LL BE SEEING YOU!

PETE PORKER IS HERE!



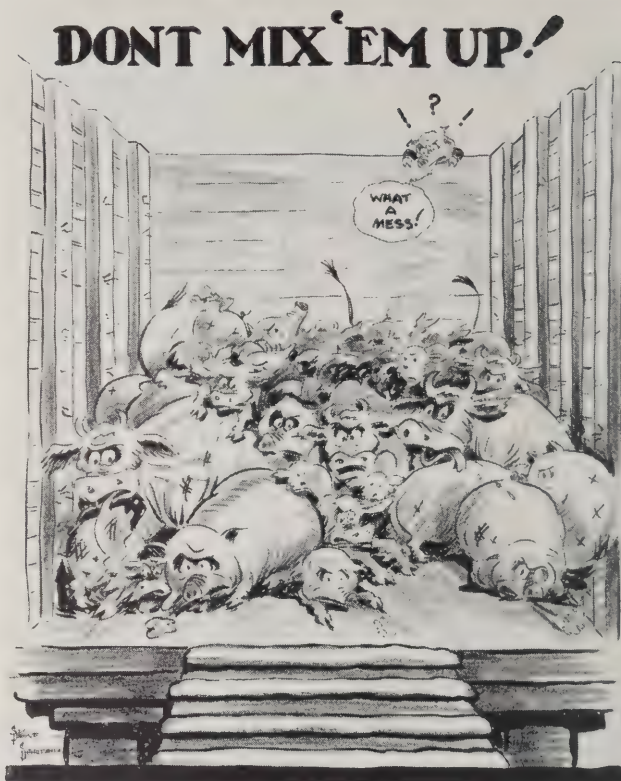
We reproduce here a letter received from Robert F. Sellar, President of The American Humane Association, the first to be written over his signature since going to Albany, New York:

We have recently created and produced a unique and colorful livestock poster — a poster that will attract the attention of truckers, drovers and anyone else connected with the marketing of livestock.

You can't afford to be without this series of posters because they are part of a national campaign to reduce losses resulting from bruises, crippling and deadage. Livestock authorities agree that now is the time to mobilize every agency to curtail the nation's economic loss.

Our posters are a copyright feature of "Pete Porker," who symbolizes the farmer's friend and by his caricatures forcefully depicts practices that can and should be prevented. With our compliments we send you a set of these posters — they should be released, one each month, until all have been posted.

The posters are for sale *now*, through us, at \$1.50 per hun-



dred (25 of each in the first issue of 4). They can be posted on the bulletin board in the Exchange Building, also at the unloading docks and scale houses.

May we have your order? Will you also feel free to criticize the posters and offer suggestions or slogans that you would like to have incorporated in future posters?

The National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, as well as the Eastern States Livestock Loss Prevention Association, has wholeheartedly endorsed these "Pete Porker" posters and recommends that all who are interested order a supply immediately to be displayed advantageously.

Place your order now (\$1.50 per hundred — 25 of each in the first issue of 4) before it is too late! Just write to The American Humane Association, 135 Washington Avenue, Albany 6, New York, or if you will contact the Animal Rescue League of Boston — HANcock 9170 — we will be glad to handle your order for you.

Federal 28-36-Hour Law

According to late reports from Christian P. Norgord, representing The American Humane Association in Washington, D. C., appreciable progress has been made in the drafting of an amended Federal Act to insure more adequate protection to shipments of livestock confined in cars and motor vehicles for more than 28 hours.

Livestock authorities have realized for some time the absolute NEED for federal regulations that will govern movements of livestock via "motor carriers" in the same manner as now required of the railroads. Combined railroad and truck routes which are now being stressed constitutes one of several other factors that require interstate laws. Revised feeding standards to raise the minimum of out-dated schedules will be a prime essential to prevent near starvation diets of animals in transit for as long as 56 hours.

Martha's Vineyard Prepares for Summer Program

A very pleasant afternoon was spent with Miss Katherine M. Foote, Manager of the Martha's Vineyard Animal Rescue League, inspecting her HOME for animals which serves not only the normal population of the Island, but the scores of vacationers who bring their PETS. The attractive and immaculate HOME for animals, established as the result of the foresight and humanitarian zeal of Miss Foote, has a clinic which operates through the summer months from June to October. We have been requested to furnish veterinary service this summer. During the winter months Dr. Daniel Leach of Oosterville coöperates with Miss Foote in treating sick or injured pet animals on a schedule agreed upon by both Miss Foote and Dr. Leach.

As soon as building material is available kennel facilities and exercising yards will be improved.

Mr. Atherton Smith, who serves as Animal Agent, has a record of many cases efficiently handled. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hough (he the Editor of the *Vineyard Gazette*), although two of the busiest persons on the Island, are never too occupied to lend their moral support.

It is expected that another dog show will be staged this year to help finance the League's humane work.

Chelsea, Roxbury and North End Please Note

The League's Receiving Stations at Chelsea, Roxbury and the North Bennet Street Industrial School were closed as of April 1.

Therefore, we urge people wishing to give up stray, injured or sick animals to contact League headquarters, HANcock 9170, and we will call directly at the home. In case of emergency, take the animal to the nearest police station or bring it to us at 51 Carver Street, Boston.

Mrs. Finlayson to Leave Lynn Branch

Mrs. John Finlayson, manager for the past twelve years, will leave the Lynn Branch on June 1st. She has never failed to administer faithful and intelligent service twenty-four hours a day. We shall miss her! So will her many friends and associates in Lynn.

The Baxendale Foundation

The Amrita Humane Summer School for Animal and Child Protection workers will not open this year. The cottages and grounds are in need of extensive repairs due to damages caused by hurricanes and the fact that all buildings under wartime restrictions could not be kept in normal condition.

Forty-fourth Annual Fair

NOVEMBER 18-19, 1946

Copley Plaza Hotel

Time passes rapidly. One Fair is hardly over when preparations for the next take shape in our thinking.

We are planning many new attractions for the forthcoming event, *the Fair of 1946*, and if members or friends have any beneficial suggestions we shall be grateful for advice.

Acceptable articles: Linens and household supplies, antiques, bric-a-brac, aprons, towels, dusters, holders, rugs and quilts, toys and baby things, fancy baskets, handkerchiefs, recent books and gifts for the Christmas season. *We will call for articles at any time.*

We want this year's Fair to be a great success. Please help the Committee to realize this ambition.

B. MAUDE PHILLIPS
Fair Manager

Another Cat Rescue . . .

Alley Cat Flees as Coins Rain on Smart Rescuer

An article which appeared in the March 21 edition of the *Back Bay Ledger* reads: "Residents along Huntington Avenue and St. Botolph Street were deprived of two nights of sleep recently when a stray cat one Sunday afternoon undertook to explore the topmost branches of a high tree and became lodged there.

"Sunday evening the cat's cries for help aroused the neighborhood but no action was taken until Monday afternoon when Lou Vuozzo, recently returned to the Animal Rescue League of Boston after service during the war in the U. S. Coast Guard, found he had no ladder long enough to reach the cat and returned to the League to map out a further campaign.

"Early Tuesday morning Mr. Vuozzo, equipped with a series of poles joined together at the ends and topped with a loop of rope, maneuvered the contraption into position so that the cat could be lowered to the ground safely.

"Meanwhile, back windows were lined with interested onlookers who cheered lustily as the cat was rescued, and a shower of coins rained down on the animal agent as he packed up his apparatus and prepared to depart."

Mr. Vuozzo has been commended highly for this service, which reflects the efficiency and earnestness on the part of the League to relieve animal suffering under all circumstances.

Quarantine

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man societies, that this SERVICE can best be performed to the satisfaction of all concerned by those who are qualified and trained to be the impartial representatives in cases involving public health and safety.

Needless to say, every step of the process of quarantining has its complications, problems and outstanding examples which, unfortunately, we have not the space to give in detail. Therefore, this article only attempts to condense the material at hand into a comprehensive and readable review of the most important procedure.

NOTE—Credit is due Miss Marion Caspole, who (for fifteen years an efficient clerk on the League staff) has compiled the factual and statistical record of quarantine service.

John Bella, referred to in this article, has been a League employee for twenty-two years and is largely responsible for the efficient service given in all quarantine cases.

Sale of Dyed Chicks Banned

Dr. Bailey Holds Easter Practice Inhumane

The sale of dyed chicks or ducklings as Easter gifts for children was forbidden in Boston under the provisions of an order issued by Health Commissioner Frederick J. Bailey, who said he considered the dyeing of these tiny birds to give them a colorful appearance an inhumane practice. Sale of undyed baby chicks and ducklings in lots of less than one dozen also was prohibited.

We wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Bailey and hope to see the day when these defenseless creatures will not be purchased as playthings for children.

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YOUR Dog?*

It's the Law! • See page 10

MRS. FRANK WINTHROP SWAN

A member of the League's official family — a Vice-President since 1920 — and a member since 1910 Mrs. Swan passed away on February 14, 1946.

She was an interested and ardent worker for the organization. As long as her health permitted, she sponsored a Cambridge Table at the Annual Fair.

Her passing is recorded with deep regret.

The League Buys

"*Animals in the Service of Man*," a colorful and appealing 16 mm sound film, narrated by Lowell Thomas. The running time is 22 minutes. This film will be shown to schools, churches, civic clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts and other organizations.

It is an educational film produced by the Film Committee of The American Humane Association and has been widely endorsed by eminent educators.

We invite League members and supporters to help defray the expense of this film which cost \$150. More films are needed to spread the message of animal protection.

"Dear MISS LEIGHTON:

On behalf of the directors of the Animal Rescue League of New Bedford I want to thank you for the use of your film '*Animals in the Service of Man*.' We showed it in 17 different schools to approximately 5,000 children." — LOUISE CONGDON, *Secretary*

Licensing

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THE LEAGUE acts as "Dog Officer" under a signed contract with the City of Boston. Each year the League assumes all of the duties of enforcing the Dog Laws as they pertain to the Metropolitan Area of Boston.

The League makes available a trained group of twelve animal agents, several kennel masters, clerical help, telephone service, and all the physical equipment necessary to seize, impound, collect, transport, confine the lost, stray and unlicensed dogs until final disposition is made. We maintain eight mobile units six days each week and twenty-four-hour service in emergency work. *Not being able to replace our fleet of animal ambulances during the war*, the League has been confronted with an ever increasing demand for SERVICE with badly worn-out motorized equipment. Dr. Bailey, realizing our predicament, has written the following letter to expedite the replacement of

ambulances depreciated beyond repair:

CITY OF BOSTON
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

March 15, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the control of stray animals in the City of Boston, a very humane undertaking, and one which prevents much suffering among such animals, is conducted by the Animal Rescue League.

It is imperative that the activity be carried on in the splendid manner in which it has been conducted heretofore. Therefore, there is dire need that any disabled motor, or other equipment, be replaced immediately and I urge that, if necessary, priority be given to this group for the purpose of procuring new motor equipment.

S/FREDERICK J. BAILEY, M.D.
Health Commissioner

THE LEAGUE has committed itself to the goal of making the City of Boston one of the BEST governed in the enforcement and observance of the Dog Control and Licensing Regulations. In this we need the coöperation of every dog owner, the police and the Health Department.

OUR small-animal service extends over an area of 1,062 square miles and includes 82 cities and towns in Metropolitan Boston.

New Ambulances a Desperate Need

NEW and BETTER Small-Animal Ambulances are the NEED of the hour.

All mobile units in service have traveled nearly 150,000 miles. Here is your chance to help the League buy new equipment. A suitable plaque will be placed on one of the ambulances in memory of your faithful pet if you contribute an amount to cover cost.

Write to the President, 51 Carver Street, Boston 16, for more information.

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All contributions, large or small, will be gratefully received. Checks should be made payable to Animal Rescue League of Boston.

Black Beauty on the Screen

Great Humane Picture for the World's Pleasure

By RICHARD C. CRAVEN

The grand story that millions have loved and wept over, "Black Beauty," by Anna Sewell, returns to the world through the medium of motion pictures and is expected to reach the screen during April, in some instances during Kindness Week.

This marvelous story of the life and adventures of a horse is declared to have had a circulation second only to the Bible. Thousands and thousands know the story, because they read it or had it read to them in their younger days. Many recall it with delight as the most memorable story of their lives, which impressed them so much that they still talk of it. And, though books may come and books may go, it is still among the best sellers of this as of other generations.

The screen version, which will delight all theatregoers, old and young, was made in Hollywood by the Alperson Productions, and will be released through the distribution offices of Twentieth Century-Fox, with Mona Freeman, who plays the English girl who owns and loves the horse, and Ralph McCutcheon, owner and trainer. To

ascertain dates of local exhibition, all that is necessary is to consult the nearest offices of Twentieth Century-Fox, or the local theatre that exhibits the products of this company.



for May 1946

Record of Animals for First Quarter Ending April 1946

	Dogs	Cats	Horses and Mules	Cattle	Sheep and Swine	Poultry and Birds	Misc.	Total
Collected by ambulances.....	2,146	9,583				24	21	11,774
Delivered by owners.....	765	1,306				13	6	2,090
Investigation Department.....	311	21	86*	376	1	68	17	880
Pine Ridge.....	46	77						123
Lynn Branch.....	353	1,842					12	2,207
Northampton Branch.....	61	359						420
**North Bennet Street.....	2	45						47
**Chelsea Branch.....	9	181						190
**Roxbury Branch.....	5	206						211
West Harwich.....	16	84						100
Eastham.....	21	101						122
Clinic.....	1,961	905					152	3,018
Total.....	5,696	14,710	86	376	1	105	208	21,182
Quarantines.....	438	14					1	453
	6,134	14,724	86	376	1	105	209	21,635

Investigations..... 452 *Horses destroyed..... 18
Cases, quarantines, 507; repeat cases, 161; face bites, 20 **Closed as of April 1st.

"An Ounce of Prevention" Film

C. L. Venard, Peoria 2, Illinois, dealing in nothing but free films, offers "An Ounce of Prevention" in color; 15 mm sound; running time, 25 minutes.

He says: "Two little lambs are the same age, but 'Luke' has had good care and is a prize-winner, while his neighbor, poor little 'Jimmy Fleece,' is a shining example of what happens when livestock is neglected. 'An Ounce of Prevention' is worth not only a pound of cure, but millions of dollars to livestock producers, and this film, produced in coöperation with the National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, presents ways and means of preventing the terrific loss from improper care and improper handling which levies a tax on every pound of meat produced by American farmers."

You may have this film absolutely FREE, except for the cost of transportation.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, *Chief Inspector*

Two conditions are paramount in that period of the year which bridges the late winter to that of early spring. One of these involves the transportation of livestock via truck and rail. Unexpected warm weather, for which the shipper is seldom prepared, creates a situation that causes many casualties with market-bound animals. Let it be said, however, in favor of the livestock shipper that when he does make the changes for spring weather he is sure to be the victim in the event a temporary cold wave interrupts his marketing plans. Unpredictable weather has meant more losses, and this is reflected in the number of dead and crippled animals arriving at the final destination. None of the hopelessly disabled animals are allowed to be detained for speculative purposes. Instead we REQUIRE prompt disposition, and in most cases involving immature calves they are humanely dispatched.

Riding Stables Need Supervision

The other condition which demands the diligent observation of our agents is the fact that early warm climate accelerates the popularity of "horseback riding." It is unfortunate, but true, that commercial riding stables resort to meager food rations in winter months when patronage is below normal. Horses kept under these conditions do not possess the vitality to carry riders on a full day or week schedule. Unless they are conditioned gradually for the early spring weather there are many tragic cases of overwork, abuse and unavoidable sore backs.

Inspection of riding stables during the period of the "first spring ride" is of major importance to prevent many serious abuses of horses that are not fit for a normal day's trot and canter over miles of bridle path.

Are YOU

A Member, or a Subscriber, or a Donor?

IN ANY CASE the Animal Rescue League has been sending you the quarterly publication OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS. We want to continue this policy, but it is imperative that MORE MEMBERS renew their dues on the ANNIVERSARY date of the last payment.

It is exceedingly costly to publish and mail the magazine four times each year unless the League receives \$1.00 or more on each ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, or unless you prefer to send a SUBSCRIPTION ORDER for sixty cents.

DONORS for special animal relief work sending \$1.00 or more will receive ONLY the FEBRUARY edition of OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS. This issue covers the League's Annual Report of activities. All DONORS, however, who become MEMBERS or SUBSCRIBERS will receive all copies of the magazine.

Note: All Junior Members will receive OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS only on a regular subscription order of sixty cents.

Watch for an announcement of the "*Puppy Edition*" of Our Fourfooted Friends, which will be our monthly medium to be sent to our entire mailing list.

By clipping and sending to us the following coupon with your MEMBERSHIP contribution of ONE dollar or more you will remain on our mailing list for OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS for another year. If you prefer to be only a SUBSCRIBER, then send the coupon with sixty cents good for one year. If your membership or subscription has been paid, this does not apply to you.

➔ MAIL THIS COUPON ➔

I want to renew my MEMBERSHIP as checked. . .	
☐ \$1.00 ASSOCIATE	☐ \$10.00 CONTRIBUTING
☐ \$5.00 ACTIVE	☐ \$25.00 SUPPORTING
I want to SUBSCRIBE to "OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS" ☐ 60c for one year	
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City.....	State.....

Animal Rescue League of Boston

51 CARVER STREET, BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

Telephone: HANCOCK 9170

A Wholly Independent Organization Founded in 1899 by Mrs. Huntington Smith

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A Free Clinic for Animals has been maintained at headquarters for more than thirty years. Dr. George W. Mather, Veterinarian-in-Charge and Dr. William V. Hopkins, Associate. *Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals* and *Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses* are maintained at 246 Pine Street, Dedham, on a farm of twenty-one acres.

Horses belonging to owners who cannot afford to pay are given vacations of from two to six weeks; a few boarders received. Arrangements for burials, including cremations, may be made at 51 Carver Street.

Eight Motor Ambulances and *Twelve Agents* are busy every day collecting animals, averaging in number 100,000 every year. A 24-hour Emergency Service is maintained.

BRANCH RECEIVING STATIONS

Dedham.....Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses
South End.....109 Northampton Street
West Lynn.....4 Neptune Street

Cape Cod
Eastham.....Walter F. Nickerson, Samoset Road
West Harwich.....Preston A. Rogers, School Street

Donations, Membership Fees and Bequests provide the main support of the League. Become a member, send a donation or make provision for us in your will, and help insure our continued protection of stray, unwanted, sick and injured animals. Of every paid-up League membership of \$1.00 or more, 50 cents is for a year's subscription to "Our Fourfooted Friends."

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life.....\$100.00 in one payment
Supporting.....25.00 annually
Contributing.....10.00 annually
Active.....5.00 annually
Associate.....1.00 annually
Junior......25 annually

FORM OF BEQUEST

To the ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON
I give, devise and bequeath the sum of.....
dollars, and the real estate situated at No.....
Street, in the city (or town) of.....

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